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Title: Mechanism and Apparatus for Accessing and Addressing Services in a Distributed Computing Environment

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of October 21, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.